

# Now is the time to protect your **pre-teen** daughter from cervical cancer.



- ▶ Cervical cancer is caused by a common virus called the human papillomavirus (HPV).
- ▶ Each year in the U.S., about 12,000 women get cervical cancer and about 4,000 women die from it.
- ▶ The HPV vaccine can prevent cervical cancer.
- ▶ The vaccine is safe and very effective.
- ▶ Doctors recommend the HPV vaccine for all 11 and 12 year old girls. Ideally, girls should get this vaccine before their first sexual contact, when they could be exposed to HPV.
- ▶ Girls and young women ages 13 through 26 should also get the vaccine if they have not done so yet.
- ▶ Ask your doctor or local clinic about getting the vaccine for free through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

For more information on vaccines,  
ask your child's healthcare provider  
or call **800-CDC-INFO** (800-232-4636)  
Website: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/  
preteen/aian](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/preteen/aian)

